



Naval Construction Force (Seabees)

"We build, we fight," has been the motto of the Navy Seabees, the Navy's deployable engineer force, since World War II.

Seabees provide a wide range of military construction including roads, bridges, bunkers, airfields and logistics bases. Navy Expeditionary Combat Command's (NECC) Seabee units adapt to mission requirements of being scalable and agile. Seabees provide military support for disaster preparation and recovery, including assistance to civilian agencies. They are capable of protecting their projects and themselves around the world. In addition, Seabees complete civic action projects that complement nation-building programs and are known for their worldwide humanitarian efforts.

Seabees are responsible for a wide variety of military construction and humanitarian efforts in times of peace or war, for example:

- Constructing and repairing aircraft runways and parking aprons
- Constructing munitions storage areas and large scale camp sites
- Erecting bridges and constructing roads
- Renovating schools, medical clinics and municipal facilities
- Repairing piers and wharves, underwater and above
- Constructing border outposts, expeditionary camps, community outreach centers, medical clinics and community clean-up

"The Navy Seabees are playing a critical role in the world today in both military and humanitarian missions. Whether building facilities for our troops in Afghanistan, helping residents recover from natural disasters, or building clinics and schools in underdeveloped areas, Seabees with their 'Can Do' work ethic are key players in the Navy's Global Force For Good."

Rear Admiral Mark A. Handley
Active Component Deputy Commander, NECC



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Seabees at a Glance



Navy Expeditionary Combat Command oversees approximately 13,800 Seabees worldwide. Active duty Naval Mobile Construction Battalions (NMCB) deploy regularly around the globe to support combatant commanders.

Under two Naval Construction Groups, five Naval Construction Regiments exercise command and control over seven active duty and 12 reserve battalions and other specialized units, including two Underwater Construction Teams and two Construction Battalion Maintenance Units.

Naval Construction Group (NCG)

Organizes, mans, trains and equips naval construction forces to provide supported commanders with expeditionary engineering forces capable of general engineering and construction and limited combat engineering across the full range of military operations. Provides administrative control oversight of Seabee forces operating in the Pacific and Atlantic respectively.

Naval Construction Regiment (NCR)

Exercises operational control of two or more Naval Mobile Construction Battalions or other Naval Construction Force units operating in a specific geographic area or operating in support of a specific military operation.

Seabee Readiness Group (SRG)

Exercises administrative and operational control of homeported Naval Construction Battalions, provides military and technical training for active and reserve units, and ensures maximum effectiveness and operational readiness of naval construction units.

Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB)

Provides military construction support in military operations, constructs base facilities, conducts defensive operations and also performs specialized construction such as water well drilling and battle damage repair.

Construction Battalion Maintenance Unit (CBMU)

Provides maintenance and construction support to military bases on both coasts to construct and maintain base camps and fleet hospitals.

Underwater Construction Team (UCT)

Provides construction, inspection and repair of underwater facilities such as wharves, piers, underwater pipelines, moorings, and boat ramps.

Expeditionary Combat Camera (COMCAM)

Provides video and still documentation of combat operations, contingencies, exercises and historical events.



Naval Construction Force
13,815 personnel

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